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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Nathan Mehrens
Americans for Limited Government
10332 Main Street No. 326
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2014-000305) OIG Final Disposition Letter

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated October 16, 2013, seeking disclosure of certain records regarding EPA personnel that are authorized to carry firearms during the course and scope of their employment.

This response only applies to documents that originated within the Office of Inspector General. The Environmental Protection Agency (OECA) separately responded to your request on August 20, 2014.

Documents responsive to your request are enclosed. In addition, certain information that you have requested regarding salary and wage information is publicly available by grade and step for each fiscal year on the Office of Personnel Management website at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>.

All redactions of information in the enclosed responsive documents have been made pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, Section (b)(6). Additionally, where duplicates of information processed elsewhere in the enclosed response to this request were withheld, this has also been noted in the enclosed documents. Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure any information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The names of individuals, including OIG Special Agents, their telephone numbers, and other personally identifying information have been withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(6).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may appeal this decision to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460 or via email at oig_foia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and envelope should include the FOIA tracking number listed above and be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from either the EPA FOIA Public Liaison (hq.foia@epa.gov; 202-566-1667) or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS serves as a bridge between FOIA requesters and agencies and can be reached by email at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 1-877-684-6448, or by fax at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, EPA OIG FOIA Officer, at (202) 566-1512 or oig_foia@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Barvenik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent than the last name "Barvenik".

Susan Barvenik
Associate Counsel

Enclosures